

2011 Departure dates: May 19, Jun 2, Aug 25, Sep 8, Sep 22, Oct 6, Oct 27

## SHANGHAI – ZHUJIAJIAO - YICHANG - YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE -CHONGQING – XI'AN - BEIJING (15 days)

- Day 01** **Hometown/Shanghai**  
Depart from your hometown to Shanghai
- Day 02** **Arrive at Shanghai (D)**  
**Shanghai**, a city filled with spectacular constructions designed by world famous architects  
**Hotel:** **Baron Business Hotel or similar**
- Day 03** **Shanghai (B/L/D)**  
**Visit:** **Yu Garden** (one of the most renowned gardens in South China) **The Bund** (enjoy the memories of the grandeur of old Shanghai) **Jade Buddha Temple** (a well preserved temple housing a white Jade statue of Sakyamuni) **Silk Factory**  
**Tour:** **Huangpu River Night Cruise** (a relaxing cruise to experience the one-of-a-kind night view of the Huangpu River)
- Day 04** **Shanghai ~ Zhujiajiao ~ Shanghai (B/L/D)**  
Take a coach ride to **Zhujiajiao**  
Visit: **Zhujiajiao** (an ancient water village sometimes called the "Venice of Shanghai") Enjoy a sampan ride along the canals.  
**Show:** **Acrobatic Show** (one of the best acrobatic shows in China, full of excitements and entertainments)
- Day 05** **Shanghai/Wuhan (B/L/D)**  
Morning Flight to Wuhan.  
**Visit:** **Hubei Provincial Museum** (a collection of over 200,000 pieces of relics, included the Chime Bells from Chu)  
**Hotel:** **Junyi Dynasty Hotel or similar**
- Day 06** **Wuhan ~ Jingzhou ~ Yichang (B/L/D)**  
Take a coach ride from Wuhan to **Yichang**. Passing by **Jingzhou** (an important military base back at 200AD) **Visit:** **City Wall** and **Jingzhou Museum** (see the famous dry corpse from Han Dynasty 2000 years ago) and transfer to Yangtze No.1 to start your amazing journey through the Three Gorges  
**Overnight:** **Yangtze No. 1** (5-star Cruise Ship)
- Day 07** **Yangtze River Cruise (B/L/SD)**  
**Excursion:** **Three Gorges Dam Tour** (visit the project of the biggest dam in the world and see the 5 stage ship locks) After the excursion, the ship will start sailing and pass through **Xiling Gorge**, the longest gorge of the three gorges  
**Show:** **Welcome Night** (a singing and dancing show performed by the crew on board)  
**Special Dinner:** **Captain's Welcome Cocktail Party and Dinner**
- Day 08** **Yangtze River Cruise (B/L/D)**  
**Excursion:** **Shennong Stream** (a magnificent side stream of Yangtze River with deep and peaceful gorges and experience a tracker boat ride) After the excursion, the ship will sail through **Wu Gorge**, surrounded by extraordinary rock formations and sharp dropping landscape. In the afternoon, the ship will pass through the last shortest but most dramatic **Qutang Gorge**  
**Show:** **Crew Performance Night** (a different program of entertaining show performed by the crew on board)
- Day 09** **Yangtze River Cruise (B/L/SD)**  
**Excursion:** **Fengdu** (Ghost City) (a Tao Temple originally built in Ming Dynasty, decorated with moldings of Spirits from Taoist
- mythology of a Chinese Hell) After the excursion, the ship will continue to sail through the beautiful Yangtze River to Chongqing  
**Show:** **Farewell Night** (performance of talents from the passengers and the crew) **Special Dinner:** **Captain's Farewell Dinner**
- Day 10** **Chongqing/Xi'an (B/L/SD)**  
The Cruise terminates at Chongqing in the morning  
**Visit:** **Chongqing Zoo** (a short trip to visit the Chinese National Treasure, the Panda Bears)  
Fly from Chongqing to Xi'an, an ancient capital of China for 2000 years  
**Visit:** **Xi'an City Wall** (the best preserved city wall built in Ming Dynasty (14th century))  
**Special Dinner:** **Dumpling Banquet** (a special dumpling banquet where you can sample over 20 kinds of dumplings)  
**Show:** **Tang Dynasty Show** (an entertaining costume show with the splendid Tang Dynasty Music and Dance)  
**Hotel:** **Mandarin New Henderson Hotel**
- Day 11** **Xi'an (B/L/D)**  
**Visit:** **Banpo Museum** (site of the stone-age settlement in Xi'an 6000 years ago) **Terracotta Warriors Museum** (over 6000 life size warriors' pottery figures with different features and facial expressions) **Provincial History Museum** (houses a large collection of historical and cultural relics and artifacts) **Big Wild Goose Pagoda** (temple was first built in 652 during Tang Dynasty to protect the scriptures and statues brought back from India by famous monk Xuan Zang)  
**Night Tour** (a visit to the busy night market at the Muslim Squatter)
- Day 12** **Xi'an/Beijing (B/L/D)**  
**Visit:** **Summer Palace** (the biggest imperial garden in Beijing)  
**Hotel:** **Holiday Inn Beijing Temple of Heaven**
- Day 13** **Beijing (B/L/D)**  
**Visit:** **The Great Wall** (symbolizing China's ancient civilization, visit **Juyongguan Section**) **Ming Tomb** (the burial ground for 13 Emperors of Ming Dynasty which was chosen for its good Feng Shui, visit **Changling**) **Cloisonne Factory** (discover how the most famous and unique enamel wares are made) **Olympic Venues** (an outside look of The Bird Nest and Water Cube)
- Day 14** **Beijing (B/L/D)**  
**Visit:** **Tian An Men Square** (the largest square in the world, big enough to hold half a million people and the symbol of New China) **Forbidden City** (the largest piece of ancient Chinese architecture still standing) **Hutong Tour** (take a rickshaw ride along the small alleys between quadrangles that are over 100-year old and visit homes of the locals) **Temple of Heaven** (regarded as one of the greatest architectural structures in the world)  
**SPECIAL LUNCH:** Home-made lunch at one of the family homes in the Hutong  
**SPECIAL DINNER:** Farewell Dinner enjoying the famous **Roast Peking Duck Banquet**
- Day 15** **Beijing/Hometown (B)**  
13 nights of exciting and informative China Tour has ended and everyone will have safe flight home, arriving at your hometown on the same day.

B = Buffet Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner SL=Special Lunch SD = Special Dinner WD = Western Dinner

**\$1766** per person on twin room basis, single supplement \$780, guarantee departure with 2 persons.

The quotation includes:

1. Hotel accommodations with daily buffet breakfast.
2. Chinese meals with multi-soft drinks specified in the schedule.
3. Admission fees for all of the sightseeing spots listed in the schedule.
4. Private English-speaking guides and air-con vehicles served along the trip.
5. Domestic economy class flight
6. Complementary daily bottle of purified water on tour days.

The quotation excludes:

1. International airfare. (estimated \$700 + tax \$350) advised to book at least 3 months in advance
2. Tips and personal expense. (\$8 per day + \$20 for ship's crew)
3. China visa. (single entry \$65)